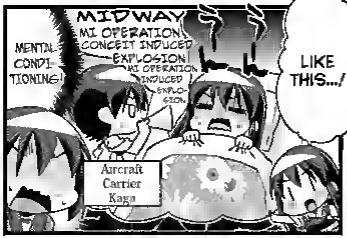
I'M FINE! I'VE TRAINED THROUGH THE NIGHTS FOR THIS DAY.
NO NEED TO WORRY.

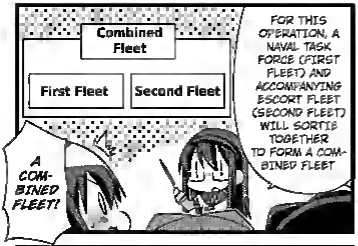
Battleship Yamato
HM...!
WELL THEN, LET'S DESCRIBE THE MI OPERATION AND THE SORTIBING FLEETS

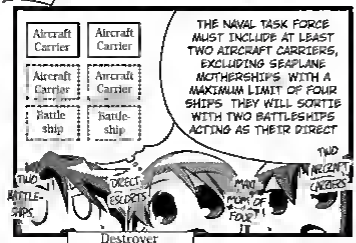

MENTAL CONDI-TIONING!
MIDWAY MI OPERATION CONCEIT INDUCED EXPLOSION
MI OPERATION INDUCED EXPLO-SION
LIKE THIS...!
Aircraft Carrier Kaga

Destroyer Fubuki
Aircraft Carrier Akagi
IS IT ALRIGHT TO TALK ABOUT THINGS LIKE MI IN FRONT OF AKAGI-SENPAI...?

吹雪、がんばります！
55話
桃井涼太

COMBINED FLEET


Combined Fleet
First Fleet
Second Fleet
FOR THIS OPERATION, A NAVAL TASK FORCE (FIRST FLEET) AND ACCOMPANYING ESCORT FLEET (SECOND FLEET) WILL SORTIE TOGETHER TO FORM A COMBINED FLEET
A COMBINED FLEET!


Aircraft Carrier
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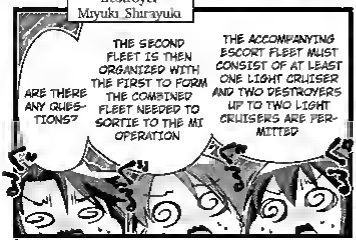
Battle ship
Battle-ship
THE NAVAL TASK FORCE MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, EXCLUDING SEAPLANE MOTHERSHIPS WITH A MAXIMUM LIMIT OF FOUR SHIPS. THEY WILL SORTIE WITH TWO BATTLESHIPS ACTING AS THEIR DIRECT
TWO BATTLE-SHIPS
DIRECT ESCORTS
MAX NUMBER OF FOUR!!
TWO RECENT CARRIERS


Destroyer Miyuki_Shirayuki
ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?
THE SECOND FLEET IS THEN ORGANIZED WITH THE FIRST TO FORM THE COMBINED FLEET NEEDED TO SORTIE TO THE MI OPERATION
THE ACCOMPANYING ESCORT FLEET MUST CONSIST OF AT LEAST ONE LIGHT CRUISER AND TWO DESTROYERS UP TO TWO LIGHT CRUISERS ARE PERMITTED

EXPLANATION

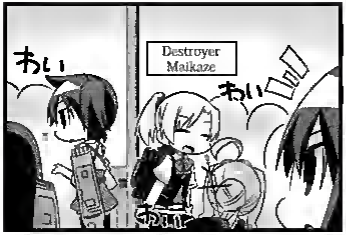
I WILL BE EXPLAINING IT IN PLACE OF YAMATO-SAN
ぺこり
TO START AGAIN WITH THE MI EXPLANATION...
HUH? IT'S THE MISSION RECEPTIONIST!

I AM THE LIGHT CRUISER OOYODO, WHO HAS JOINED THE BATTLE IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE MI OPERATION
MY INTRODUCTION IS OVERDUE
Light Cruiser Ooyodo

THE MEANING SEEMS A BIT DIFFERENT COMING FROM HER...
THAT'S RIGHT... OOYODO-SAN'S PERFECT FOR TAKING THINGS OVER FROM YAMATO.
Battleship Fusou

Note Ooyodo received Yamato's 15 5cm anti-aircraft guns for the Philippines Campaign That and becoming the combined fleet flagship

CAMP TRAINING

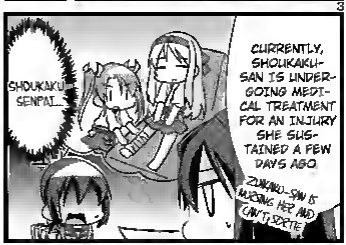


THANK YOU FOR WORRYING... BUT IT'S ALRIGHT
ALTHOUGH SHE'S IN THE SECOND FLEET, I WONDER IF MAIKAZE-CHAN'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT BEING WITH KAGA-SEN-PAI

GETTING_ALONG
THAT'S MORE LIKE A SLEEPOV ER THAN TRAIN-ING!
ALTHOUGH IT IS GOOD THAT YOU'RE GETTING ALONG!
SOME-THING LIKE THIS...

PARTICIPANTS & NON-PARTICIPANTS

LASTLY, THE SECOND FLEET FLAGSHIP NAGARA ACCOM-PANIED BY TONE, CHIKUMA, MAIKA-ZE, YUUGUMO AND MAKIGUMO.
THE ADMIRAL'S FORMATION PLANS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: FIRST FLEET FLAGSHIP AKAGI ACCOMPANIED BY KAGA, HIRYUU, SOURYUU, AND DIRECT ESCORTS HARUNA AND KIRISHIMA.

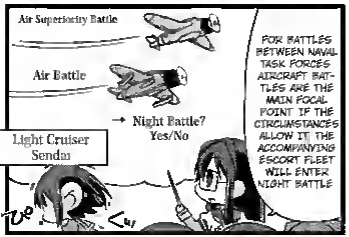

SHOUKAKU-SENPAI...
CURRENTLY, SHOUKAKU-SAN IS UNDER-GOING MEDI-CAL TREATMENT FOR AN INJURY SHE SUS-TAINED A FEW DAYS AGO.
ZUIKAKU-SAN IS NURSING HER AND CAN'T LEAVE

003 Note: Maikaze and Hagikaze aided Kaga's crew. After she sank, they joined up with Akagi, Arashi, and Nowaki. Arashi, Nowaki, and Hagikaze then were tasked with scuttling the Akagi.

Note: Repairing the damage done to Shoukaku at the Coral Sea caused a crew shortage at Zuikaku, so she did not participate in Midway.

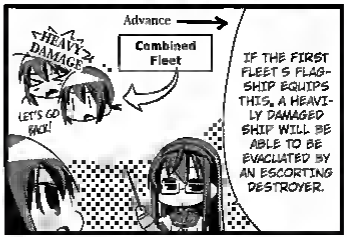
COMBINED FLEET BATTLES

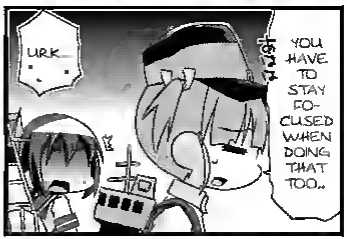
WHAT ARE COMBINED FLEET BATTLES LIKE?
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM NORMAL BATTLES. IT ALSO CHANGES BASED ON WHETHER THE ENEMY HAS A NAVAL TASK FORCE OF THEIR OWN


Air Superiority Battle
Air Battle
→ Night Battle? Yes/No
Light Cruiser Sendai
FOR BATTLES BETWEEN NAVAL TASK FORCES AIRCRAFT BATTLES ARE THE MAIN FOCAL POINT IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOW IT THE ACCOMPANYING ESCORT FLEET WILL ENTER NIGHT BATTLE

FORGET IT, THEN. IT'S MY THING
HEY THING?
SORRY THAT'S JUST HOW SHE IS
THOUGH IN REGARDS TO OPERATION OBJECTIVE IT'S MOST PREFERABLE TO AVOID THE NIGHT BATTLE WHEN POSSIBLE...

FLEET HEADQUARTERS FACILITY


Advance
Combined Fleet
HEAVY DAMAGE
LET'S GO BACK!
IF THE FIRST FLEET'S FLAGSHIP EQUIPS THIS, A HEAVILY DAMAGED SHIP WILL BE ABLE TO BE EVACUATED BY AN ESCORTING DESTROYER.

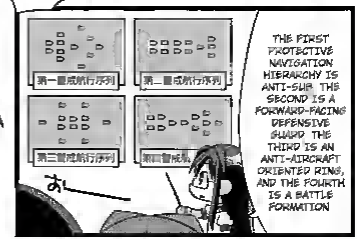


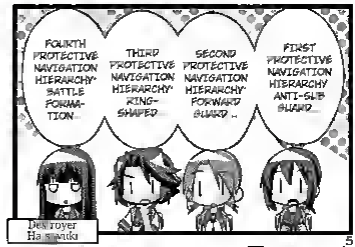
Note Ooshio was sunk by Albacore during her escort duties

LINES

LOOKS LIKE IT'S FINALLY THE DECISIVE BATTLE. I'LL DO MY BEST TO BE THE EYES OF THE TASK FORCE!
W-WHAT, I-I'M NOT
CHIKUMA-SAN!
Heavy Cruiser Chikuma

COMBINED FLEET BATTLES 2


第一警戒航行序列
第二警戒航行序列
第三警戒航行序列
第四警戒航行序列
THE FIRST PROTECTIVE NAVIGATION HIERARCHY IS ANTI-SUB. THE SECOND IS A FORWARD-FACING DEFENSIVE GUARD. THE THIRD IS AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ORIENTED RING, AND THE FOURTH IS A BATTLE FORMATION


FOURTH PROTECTIVE NAVIGATION HIERARCHY: BATTLE FORMATION...
THIRD PROTECTIVE NAVIGATION HIERARCHY: RING-SHAPED...
SECOND PROTECTIVE NAVIGATION HIERARCHY: FORWARD GUARD...
FIRST PROTECTIVE NAVIGATION HIERARCHY: ANTI-SUB GUARD...
Destroyer Hayanami

I WONDER IF THEY REALLY UNDERSTOOD THEM...
"THE FOURTH PROTECTIVE NAVIGATION HIERARCHY: BATTLE FORMATION" SOUNDS LIKE A FINAL FORM...
COOL, THEY'RE LIKE SKILL NAMES!

THE COMBINED FLEET IS SALLYING OUT!
FIRST FLEET FLAGSHIP AKAGI, WITH KAGA, HIRYUU, SOURYUU, HARUNA, AND KIRISHIMA, AS WELL AS THE SECOND FLEET FLAGSHIP NAGARA, WITH TONE, CHIKUMA, MAIKAZE, YUUGUMO, AND MAKIGUMO,
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MAYBE THEY'VE ALREADY MADE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY FLEET!
THEY'VE DISAPPEARED OFF IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE
MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE COMBINED FLEET!
HEAVY FOG HAS APPEARED OVER THE SEA! AKAGI-SAN HAS STRAYED OFF THE PATH AND THE TURMOIL CAUSED BY SOURYUU-SAN AND KIRISHIMA-SAN ALMOST COLLIDING MADE THEM DECIDE TO RETURN FOR NOW!
That was Fast!

Note: The fleet composition and heavy fog mirrors historical events